

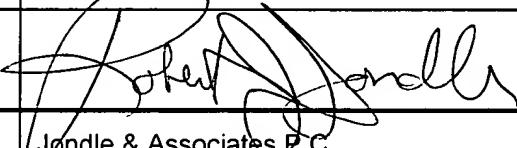
REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 43 and canceled claim 49. These changes have been made to place the claims in better form for examination and to further obviate the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection as set forth in the Office Action dated August 9, 2006. It is believed that this amendment does not constitute new matter. It is submitted that this amendment obviates the rejection. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 43-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically the Examiner has rejected claim 43, and by dependence, claims 44 and 45, as vague and indefinite in the recitation of "known nucleic acid sequences", since it is not clear what is encompassed by the claim. Applicant has amended claim 43. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to claim 49 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant has canceled claim 49. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the claims satisfy the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112. Reconsideration of this application and an early notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

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